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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TRAVEL FUNDS FOR UTRECHT UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR  
SALEMINK TO VISIT U.S.

1. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY PROFESSOR C.A. SALEMINK OF UTRECHT UNIVERSITY WHETHER ANY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO ENABLE HIM TO ATTEND A MEETING IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA JUNE 7-9 OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF DRUG DEPENDENCE. COMMITTEE IS PART OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES-NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.

2. SALEMINK, WHO IS HEAD OF UTRECHT UNIVERSITY'S ORGANIC CHEMISTRY LAB, HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF RESEARCH INTO CHEMISTRY OF CANNABIS SMOKE. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING WITH SCIENTISTS IN THE U.S. THE RESULTS OF THE LAB'S WORK ON PROSTAGLANDINS, BUT HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN TRAVEL FUNDS FROM EITHER THE UNIVERSITY OR THE GOVERNMENT.

3. SALEMINK HAS BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF \$25,000 TO DATE FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE FOR A PROJECT INVOLVING SCREENING OF PAPAVER BRACTEATUM AND RELATED SPECIES FOR ALKALOIDS, MAINLY THEBAINE AND CODEINE. HE IS KNOWN THEREFORE, BY OFFICIALS IN THE U.S. INCLUDING DR. ROBERT WILLETTE OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE, WHO SHOULD BE ABLE TO ASSESS WHETHER IT IS IN U.S. INTEREST THAT SALEMINK ATTEND THE MEETING IN VIRGINIA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER FUNDS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SALEMINK FOR TRAVEL TO U.S. IN JUNE, AND HOW TO APPLY FOR THEM.

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